1 The Honorable Ricardo S. Martinez 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 8 AT SEATTLE 9 10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, NO. CV21-1315-RSM 11 Plaintiff, **ORDER GRANTING JOINT** 12 **MOTION TO LIFT STAY** v. 13 \$213,159.84 IN U.S. FUNDS, AND ANY ACCRUED INTEREST, et al., 14 Defendants. 15 and 16 EUGENE MCGEE, 17 18 Claimant. 19 20 THIS MATTER comes before the Court as a Joint Motion to Lift Stay by Plaintiff 21 United States, by and through its counsel, Tessa M. Gorman, Acting United States 22 Attorney, and Krista K. Bush, Assistant United States Attorney, and Claimant Eugene 23 McGee, by and through his counsel, Emily Gause. On November 5, 2022, the court 24 ordered this civil forfeiture action stayed, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 981(g)(1) and (g)(2). 25 Dkt. No. 14. The parties have now informed the Court that they have reached an 26 agreement to resolve the related criminal case, as well as this civil forfeiture case. The

Court having considered the parties' request and being fully advised in the matter, finds

that it is appropriate to lift the stay at this time. Therefore, it is hereby

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1 ORDERED that the parties' motion to lift the stay of this civil forfeiture proceeding is GRANTED and the STAY is LIFTED. The United States shall provide 2 3 notice to the persons and entities to whom the United States provided direct notice of the proceeding on or about September 28, 2021, that they have 35 days from the date of this 4 5 Order in which to file a claim. 6 IT IS SO ORDERED. 7 8 DATED this 1st day of September, 2023. 9 10 11 12 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE 13 14 15 16 17 Presented by: 18 19 s/Krista K. Bush 20 KRISTA K. BUSH Assistant United States Attorney 21 United States Attorney's Office 22 700 Stewart Street, Suite 5220 Seattle, WA 98101-3903 23 Telephone: (206) 553-2242 24 Fax: (206) 553-6934 Krista.Bush@usdoj.gov 25 26 27 28